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Testimony Concerning HB-5344

Judiciary Committee, February 24, 2016

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Resident pet owner and angry citizen

I would like to thank Connecticut Votes for Animals for the opportunity to express my support of HB-5344, Desmond's Law.

I care deeply about the welfare and wellbeing of animals and I firmly believe that this law needs to be set in place immediately. I am disgusted to know that I live in a state where it is acceptable to abuse and neglect animals multiple times with limited repercussions.

Everyday I see a new article or post showing a helpless animal has been attacked, tortured, neglected and left to die. Dogs being beaten and thrown in the woods, shot in the head, left outside in the freezing cold; a small number of those that should NEVER happen.

As an animal owner, puppy parent if you will, I beg of you to really open your hearts and minds about this matter. It is not something to take lightly. Would you be ok with someone getting away with doing these things to a member of your family, furry or not?

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

Bethany J Martin

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